projects worth Rs. 55 crores, on what considerations and on what terms and conditions;

(c) whether tenders were floated and bids received; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these contracts were awarded before designated Technical Evaluation Committee submitted its report, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the recommendations of Technical Evaluation Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) The names of the firms are:

(1) M/s Vikas Hybrid & Electronics Ltd. (VHEL)

(2) M/s. Sterlite Industries Ltd.

(ii) The orders were placed on following considerations:

M/s VHEL had offered the lowest prices in the earlier tender opened on 6.7.93, and were not given add on order earlier as were given to others. M/s Sterlite had excellent supply record and had large manufacturing capacity to deliver the goods in short period.

(iii) The terms and condition of the orders were:—

(1) The entire supply shall be completed within 45 days from the date of issue of orders.

(2) The final prices shall be as to be finalised for the ongoing tender opened on 6.4.95.

(c) The tender was floated and opened on 6.4.95. A total of 18 bids were received.

(d) Purchase had to be made to meet the urgent field requirement pending finalisation of tender which was to take considerable time.

(e) The report of the Tender Evaluation Committee is under Examination.

Relaxation in theory paper in Amateur Wireless Station Operations examination to the Blind

1111. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Blind students and youth are taking interest in Amateur Wireless Operation activity;

(b) whether Government would consider relaxing the theory paper in the Amateur Wireless Station Operators Examination for the blind persons and allow them to give that paper orally, and

(c) if so, by when the instruction in this regard will be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is following the practice of permitting a blind candidate to avail of the assistance of a writer for answering the theory paper.

Computerised Reservation Facilities

1112. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of stations where computerised reservation facility has been made available together with the names of stations for which return tickets and reservation through computers can be made from Delhi;

(b) the names of stations where these facilities are likely to be made in 1995-96;

(c) whether railways have any plan for computerised booking for the next few years and if so, the details thereof; and